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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Rumanian Troop Units and Military Installations in Codlea,

Halchiu and Fagaras

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT prior to December 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. Prior to December 1951, the barracks installation in Codlea (R 35/X 28), on the west side of the Stalin (R 35/X 37)-Fagaras highway, which crosses the town in a north-south direction, quartered a Rumanian mountain artillery unit. The soldiers wore field caps, yellow-bordered black collar patches and jackboots or lace shoes with wrapped leggings. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] 16 artillery pieces were parked in a garage of the installation.

25X1 [REDACTED] the guns had been manufactured at the Skoda Works and [REDACTED] they could be broken down.¹ The horses of the artillery unit were kept at farms in and around Codlea. [REDACTED] another mountain 25X1 artillery unit was located in Halchiu (R 35/X 39). The artillery units in Codlea and Halchiu were assigned to the same superior headquarters.

2. In the summer of 1951, extensive construction work was started north of the Codlea railroad station. A barracks installation was said to be under construction there.

3. Prior to October 1951, a barracks installation, about 500 meters from the northwestern perimeter of Halchiu, on the northeast side of the macadam road to Satu Nou (R 35/X 29), quartered a Rumanian artillery unit. The installation was built after World War I and had always been occupied by mountain artillery units. It consisted of a large four-story quartering building, gun sheds and vehicle garages. During the summer months, the soldiers of the unit wore khaki-colored uniforms, and in winter, they wore olive-drab blouses with closed collars and field caps. The soldiers wore black epaulets. [REDACTED] 25X1

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25X1 [redacted] the unit consisted of three batteries, which were equipped with horse-drawn vehicles prior to 1950. After that date, the one-axle rubber-tired short-barreled guns were towed by half-track vehicles fitted with rubber-tired wheels on the front axle. The vehicles had seats for the driver, the assistant driver and six men of the gun crew.²

4. Prior to April 1950, there was an installation called ammunition factory southwest of Fagaras. Prior to late 1951, personnel from Celistat (R 36/R 71) was quartered there. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The ammunition factory was located in a wooded area, on a surfaced road branching off to the south from the highway to Sibiu (R 35/R 20), about 2 km distant from this highway. In April 1950, the workers of the factory were trucked daily to Fagaras for their meals. [redacted] rifle fire from the direction of the ammunition factory, and flare signals were soon there at night. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] a firing range was located south of the ammunition factory.³

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5. Prior to September 1951, the Infanterie Kaserne in the southeast sector of Fagaras quartered Rumanian troops. The installation was located in an angle formed by the main road leading to Stalin and the road leading from the railroad station to the town. Marching soldiers armed with rifles and wearing olive-drab uniforms, lace shoes and wrapped leggings were repeatedly seen near this installation. Motor vehicles were also observed.⁴

6. Prior to late September 1951, the fortress in Fagaras quartered a Rumanian troop unit. [redacted]
[redacted] The fortress housed a Rumanian recruiting office. Prior to September 1951, Rumanian units in company strength were repeatedly seen marching through the town.

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25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. This data confirm previous information [redacted] 25X1
[redacted].

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The presence of mountain artillery in Malchiu is confirmed. Prime movers are reported for the first time.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Indications of the existence of this installation were contained in a previous report. [redacted].

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The presence in Fagaras of infantry units is confirmed. [redacted] 25X1
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